# Claims

1. A system for installing and configurating a package including an operating system, software products, and applications on at least one end-user computer connected to at least one server computer in a network, comprising:

means coupled to the at least one server computer for storing the package and an identification data of the at least one end-user computer;

means for sending the package from the storing means to the at least one server computer based on the identification data of the at least one end-user computer; and

means coupled to the sending means for creating on the at least one server computer an installation program and associated response files based on the identification data, to install said package on the least one end-user computer;

whereby said identification data comprises at least a location data where said at least one end-user computer is installed and a function data that said at least one end-user computer performs in the network.

2. The system of claim 1, further comprising means for assigning to said package said at least one end-user computer location data and said at least one end-user computer function data.

3. The system of claim 2, wherein said network further comprises a plurality of end-user computers to be installed with a plurality of packages, and wherein said function information is

arranged into a plurality of function classes, each function class identifying a set of end-user computers among the plurality of end-user computers in the network having a common function in the network.

5   4.   The system of claim 3, wherein the plurality of function classes comprises a client function class and a server function class.

5.   The system of claim 3, wherein the identification data further comprises information on hardware and software
10   configuration of the plurality of end-user computers in the network.

6.   The system of claim 3, wherein the storing means further comprises means for up-dating an installation status assigned to each of the plurality of end-user computers.

15   7.   The system of claim 6, wherein the storing means further comprises means for up-dating a package status assigned to each of the plurality of packages.

8.   The system of claim 3, further comprising means for creating the packages and means for sending said created packages to the
20   storing means.

9.   The system of claim 1, further comprising means for performing an initial load of the at least one end-user computer.

10.   The system of claim 9, wherein the means for performing the
25   initial load comprises a bootable device from which the end-user computer boots.

11. A method for installing and configurating a package including an operating system, software products, and applications on at least one end-user computer connected to at least one server computer in a network, comprising the steps of:

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storing into a central repository the package and an identification data of the at least one end-user computer;

sending the package from the central repository to the at least one server computer based on the identification data;

10 creating on the at least one server computer an installation program and associated response files based on the identification data; and

installing said package on the least one end-user computer;

15 whereby said identification data comprises at least a location information where said at least one end-user computer is installed and a function information that said at least one end-user computer performs in the network.

12. The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of
20 assigning the location information and the function information to the package.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein said network further comprises a plurality of end-user computers to be installed with a plurality of packages, and wherein said function information is
25 arranged into a plurality of function classes, each function class identifying a set of end-user computers among the plurality

of end-user computers in the network having a common function in the network.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the plurality of function classes comprises a client function class and a server function

5 class.

15. The method of claim 13, wherein the identification data further comprises information on hardware and software configuration of the plurality of end-user computers in the network.

10 16. The method of claim 13, wherein the step of storing further comprises the step of up-dating an installation status assigned to each of the plurality of end-user computers.

17. The method of claim 16, wherein the step of storing further comprises the step of up-dating a package status assigned to each

15 of the plurality of packages.

18. The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of creating the packages and sending said created packages to the central repository.

19. The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of

20 performing an initial load of the at least one end-user computer.